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BOE Offers Strategies for Success at Riverside Small Business Fair and Resource Expo **Free Riverside Event Helps Small Business Owners and Entrepreneurs Succeed**

Sacramento – Business owners, entrepreneurs, and individuals who would like to start a business are invited to attend a [free small business fair in Riverside](#) on Wednesday, April 30, 2014. California State Board of Equalization (BOE) Vice Chair Michelle Steel and Riverside County Board of Supervisors Chairman Jeff Stone are sponsoring this event.

Those looking for assistance with state and federal tax laws, as well as those who want to expand their business knowledge, will benefit from presentations given by representatives from the BOE, Employment Development Department, Internal Revenue Service, Franchise Tax Board, Small Business Development Center, Small Business Administration, and the California Taxpayers' Rights Advocates. Seminar topics include social media marketing, sales and use tax basics, forms of ownership, better business through better records, employee or independent contractor, and loan programs and services.

Event: Free Riverside Small Business Fair and Resource Expo

Date: Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
(Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.)

Place: Board of Supervisors Chambers
Riverside County Administration Center
4080 Lemon Street, 1st Floor
Riverside, CA 92501

Registration: 1-888-847-9652 or [online](#)

Learn more about a variety of other BOE [in-person seminars](#) and [online seminars](#).

Editor's note: The following PSAs ([15-second audio](#)) and ([30-second audio](#)) are available for your use.

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Elected to the Board of Equalization in 2006 and re-elected in 2010, Michelle Steel serves as *Southern California's elected taxpayer advocate*. In December 2007, Steel discovered the Board of Equalization had delayed the return of millions of dollars in security deposits owed to California businesses. Procedures were changed due to Steel's decisive leadership. Following her investigation, the tax agency refunded tax security deposits to over 5,500 small businesses. To date, over \$100 million in security deposits have been returned to taxpayers.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects \$56 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

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